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1. SUMMARY: SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FISHERIES LEFT FOR MOSCOW VISIT, EXPECTING TO MAKE INITIAL CONTACTS BUT NO CON-
CLUE AN ACCORD. HE ATTRIBUTED RUMORS ABOUT GRANTING OF RIGHTS FOR SOVIET FISHING FLEET TO THOSE FOMENTING DELIBERATE INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST PORTUGAL. HE ANNOUNCED UPCOMING VISIT TO MOROCCO, ALONG WITH POSSIBLE "TECHNICAL COOPERATION" WITH MAURITANIA AND CANADA. " LIFE AND DEATH STRUGGLE" FOR PORTUGUESE FISHING INDUSTRY, AND FORTHCOMING FORMATION OF STATE MARKETING COMPANY FOR FISHERIES PRODUCTS DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY.

2. SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FISHERIES MARIO RUIVO LEFT LISBON MARCH 3 FOR VISIT TO MOSCOW. ON HIS DEPARTURE HE EMPHASIZED VISIT IS ONLY TO INITIATE CONTACTS AND TRADE IMPRESSIONS ABOUT AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION IN FISHERIES FIELD, AND THAT HE DOESN'T INTEND TO SIGN ANY ACCORD ON THIS VISIT. HE POINTED OUT THAT SOVIET UNION HAS ONE OF WORLD'S MOST ADVANCED FISHING FLEETS. THUS PORTUGAL IS CONSIDERING POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE NOT ONLY IN COM-MERCIAL AREA, BUT ALSO IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL FIELDS --FOR EXAMPLE IN FORMATION OF FISHERIES SCHOOLS.

3. ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE COLLABORATION WITH SOVIET FISHING FLEET CURRENTLY OPERATING IN THE ATLANTIC, RUIVO LIMITED HIM-SELF TO CONDEMNING THOSE "RUMORS" MADE PUBLIC IN "CERTAIN FOREIGN PAPERS," FED BY PERSONS INTERESTED IN BLOCKING PORTUGAL'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND FORMING PART OF "A DELI-BERATE INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN AGAINST US."

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4. RUIVO ALSO ANNOUNCED A FORTHCOMING VISIT TO MOROCCO, WHICH, ALONG WITH MAURITANIA AND CANADA, COULD COLLABORATE WITH PORTUGAL AS WELL AS RENDER, IN CERTAIN ASPECTS, "TECHNI-CAL ASSISTANCE." (COMMENT: HE DID NOT ELABORATE ON WHETHER "TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE" WOULD INVOLVE MORE THAN GRATING OF FISHING RIGHTS. END COMMENT .) REFERRING TO RECENT IMPRISON-MENT BY MAURITANIA OF FOUR PORTUGUESE FISHERMEN SAILING UNDER

PANAMANIAN FLAG, HE SAID GOP IS ALREADY STUDYING A "PLATFORM OF UNDERSTANDING" WITH THAT COUNTRY TO PREVENT FUTURE DIFFICULTIES OF THIS KIND.

5. THE SECRETARY OF STATE LINKED JUST-ANNOUNCED RISE IN PRICE OF DRIED CODFISH WITH NEED TO GIVE INCENTIVE TO NATIONAL FISHING FLEET, AND GIVE IT PROFITS TO REINVEST, TO "FOREIGN EXCHANGE HEMORRHAGE" CAUSED BY NEED TO IMPORT DOLS 68 MILLION OF DRIED CODFISH, AS WELL AS TO NEED TO STAY AS INTERNATIONALLY INDEPENDENT AS POSSIBLE.

6. RUIVO EMPHASIZED THAT PORTUGAL IS GOING TO ENGAGE IN A "LIFE OR DEATH STRUGGLE" IN FISHERIES FIELD, BECAUSE IF WITHIN TWO TO THREE YEARS IT DOESN'T RESTORE AND STIMULATE ITS FISHERIES, ESPECIALLY LONG-DISTANCE FISHERES, " WE WILL ENTER INTO AN IRREVOCABLE CRISIS." HE ANNOUNCED THAT A PUBLIC ENTERPRISE FOR MARKETING OF FISHERIES PRODUCTS WILL SOON BE CREATED.
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